

### Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/074,798

**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

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**Art Unit**

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 14 July 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 16, 25 and 26.

Identification of prior art discussed: Berringer et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was discussed that the applicant's proposed amendment appears to have overcome the prior art of Berringer et al. The applicant will submit an official amendment in response to this interview. An updated search will be conducted by the examiner upon receipt of the amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

## Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

### Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

### Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

#### Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

#### 37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner.  
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

### Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

# PROPOSED CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seat mount for use with both a vehicle seat and anchor mounts provided in or near the vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising a base having sides and adapted to be coupled to a human juvenile seat, an anchor belt including a strap, opposite end portions, and a clasp coupled to each end portion and adapted to be coupled to one of the anchor mounts, and a an elongated leash coupled at one end to the base and at another end to the anchor belt between sides of the base and wherein the leash is flexible and allows the anchor belt to move.
2. (Original) The seat mount of claim 1, wherein the base further includes a pair of openings and the anchor belt is threaded through the openings to position the base in an anchored position.
3. (Original) The seat mount of claim 2, wherein the base further includes a base bottom, a front portion coupled to the base bottom, a first side wall extending upwardly from the base bottom along one edge of the front portion, and a second side wall extending upwardly from the base bottom along an opposite edge of the front portion, and wherein each side wall includes one of the openings.
4. (Original) The seat mount of claim 3, wherein the base further includes a slot through each side wall for communication with one of the respective openings.
5. (Original) The seat mount of claim 2, wherein the strap includes a central portion between each end portion, the base includes a base bottom and side walls coupled to the base bottom, and the leash is coupled to the central portion of the strap and to the base bottom of the base.
6. (Original) The seat mount of claim 5, wherein the base bottom includes a top surface adapted for communication with a juvenile seat and a bottom surface adapted for communication with a vehicle seat and wherein the leash is coupled to the top surface of the base bottom.
7. (Original) The seat mount of claim 5, wherein the base bottom includes a top surface adapted for communication with a juvenile seat and a bottom surface adapted for communication with a vehicle seat and wherein the leash is coupled to the bottom surface of the base bottom.

8. (Original) The seat mount of claim 7, wherein the base bottom further includes an access slot formed to receive a portion of the leash therethrough.

9. (Original) The seat mount of claim 1, further including a coupler coupling the leash to the base.

10. (Original) The seat mount of claim 9, wherein the coupler is a screw.

11. (Original) The seat mount of claim 9, wherein the coupler is a rivet.

12. (Original) The seat mount of claim 1, wherein the base further includes an anchor belt surface formed to extend between the openings of the base and wherein the anchor belt lies adjacent the surface when the anchor belt is in the anchored position.

13. (Original) The seat mount of claim 12, wherein the base bottom includes a storage compartment configured to receive the anchor belt in a stowed position when the anchor belt is not threaded through the openings, and wherein the leash remains coupled to the base bottom when the anchor belt is moved between an anchored position where the anchor belt is threaded through the openings and the stowed position where the anchor belt is received within the storage compartment.

14. (Original) The seat mount of claim 13, wherein the storage compartment is positioned adjacent the anchor belt surface.

15. (Original) The seat mount of claim 14, wherein the storage compartment is positioned between a right portion and a left portion of the anchor belt surface.

16. (Currently Amended) A seat mount is provided for use with a juvenile seat, a passenger vehicle seat, and anchor mounts provided in or near the passenger vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising

a base having a base bottom, a first side wall extending upwardly from the bottom and a second side wall extending upwardly from the bottom, an opening formed in each side wall, and a storage compartment positioned between the side walls,

a vehicle anchor system coupled to the base bottom and having at least one connector portion shaped to couple ~~for coupling~~ to the anchor mounts in an anchored position, the system being movable between the anchored position where a portion of the system is received through each of the openings to position the base in a rearwardly facing position on the vehicle seat and a stowed position where the system is disconnected from the anchor mounts and a portion of the system is received within the storage compartment, the vehicle anchor system, including the portion of the system received through each of the

openings, remaining coupled to the base during movement between the anchored position and the stowed position.

17. (Original) The seat mount of claim 16, wherein the vehicle anchor system includes an anchor belt and a leash coupled to the base at one end and coupled to the anchor belt at another end, the anchor belt being threaded through the openings of the base to position the system in the anchored position.

18. (Original) The seat mount of claim 17, wherein the anchor belt includes a strap having a central portion and opposite end portions and a clasp coupled to each end portion and adapted to be coupled to one of the anchor mounts.

19. (Original) The seat mount of claim 18, wherein the leash is coupled to the central portion of the strap.

20. (Original) The seat mount of claim 17, wherein the leash is coupled to a top surface of the base bottom.

21. (Original) The seat mount of claim 20, wherein the base includes an anchor belt surface positioned to extend between the openings of the base for placement of the anchor belt thereon when the system is in the anchored position, and further wherein the storage compartment is formed in the front portion of the base and is positioned adjacent the anchor belt surface.

22. (Original) The seat mount of claim 16, wherein the leash is coupled to a bottom surface of the base.

23. (Original) The seat mount of claim 22, wherein the base includes an access slot and a portion of the leash is received through the access slot when the vehicle anchor system is in the anchored position and the stowed position.

24. (Original) The seat mount of claim 22, wherein the base includes a right anchor belt surface and a left anchor belt surface each positioned between the openings of the base for placement of the anchor belt thereon when the system is in the anchored position, and further wherein the storage compartment is positioned between the right and the left anchor belt surfaces.

25. (Currently Amended) A seat mount is provided for use with both a vehicle seat and anchor mounts provided in or near the vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising  
a base having a pair of openings,  
an anchor belt having connectors for coupling to the anchor mounts, the anchor belt being threaded through the openings to position the seat in an anchored position, and  
*flexible*  
a leash having an end coupled to the base and another end fixedly coupled to a portion of the anchor belt inside the base, *flexible* the leash enabling the anchor belt to move laterally through the openings relative to the base so that the anchor belt is adapted to be coupled to anchor mounts spaced apart by different distances.

26. (Currently amended) A seat mount *flexible* for use with both a vehicle seat and anchor mounts provided in or near the vehicle seat, the seat mount comprising  
a base having a first surface shaped to abut a vehicle seat and a second surface having human juvenile seat coupling elements for mounting a human juvenile seat to the base,  
an anchor belt including a strap, opposite end portions, and a clasp coupled to each end portion and adapted to be coupled to one of the anchor mounts, and  
a substantially planar leash with one side abuttingly coupled to the base and the same side abuttingly coupled to the anchor belt.

27. (New) The seat mount of claim 1 wherein the leash is flexible and allows the anchor belt to move from side to side.